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FOR: NO VOC RADIATION CURABLE RESIN COMPOSITIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This application is an RCE of prior U.S.S.N.: 09/781,682, filed on February 12, 2001. Before consideration on the merits, please consider the remarks as set forth herein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15-42 and 44-74 have been allowed in the subject application. On March 20, 2003, Applicants paid the issue fee. Subsequent to payment of the issue fee, Applicants became aware of the references listed in the accompanying IDS. Thus, Applicants have requested withdrawal of the application from issue so that the references could be considered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. These references are discussed below.

Claims 1-13, 15-42 and 44-74 are pending in the subject application of which claims 1, 54 and 58 are independent claims.

Applicants claim 1 reads as follows:

1. A radiation curable resin composition, containing essentially no volatile organic components, comprising:
at least one vinyl dioxolane end-capped oligomer, and